

Rules:

- 1. All entries must relate to Colorado agriculture in some way. Entries representing all types of agricultural enterprises, scenes and people are encouraged. Amateur and professional photographers are encouraged to enter, however, professionals may only enter agriculture-related photographs in the "Open Professional" category.
- Prizes will be awarded in five subject areas: Agritourism (activities, events and services related to agriculture that connect consumers with heritage, natural resource or culinary experiences), Crops, Livestock, People and Open Professional. Other awards and honorable mentions may be awarded as determined by judges.
- 3. A Grand Prize will be awarded to the photograph that best portrays the *spirit* of Colorado agriculture. All images must have been photographed in Colorado during the 2012 calendar year.
- 4. Entries must be submitted with the official entry form below. Contest sponsors and their employees are not eligible to enter the contest.
- 5. Up to **three** photographs may be submitted per entrant. Prints must be **8x10** inches and unmated. **Please no slides or e-mail entries**. If you are submitting a hard copy of a digital photo, you must be able to submit the photo via e-mail if requested. Please identify each image you submit by including a completed entry form with each photo.
- 6. Any person(s) or their guardian(s) appearing in the photograph must sign the entry form as a release.
- 7. The contest will be judged by professionals in the fields of photography, journalism, advertising and marketing, as well as agriculture. Photos will be judged on theme, creativity and technical quality. Decision of the judges is final.
- 8. All entries become the property of the contest sponsors and <u>will not</u> be returned. Please do not send your only copy of a photograph.
- 9. Contest sponsors reserve the right to publish any entry at their discretion, provided that a credit line is given to the photographer.

Contest Period:

Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2012. Winners will be announced January 2013.

Prizes:

Grand Prize Winner: \$150

First Place Winners: "Colorado...it's Agricultural" Prize Pack

All winning photographs will be displayed in Northeastern Junior College's Beede-Hamil Agriculture Building.

Sponsors:

AgInsights Committee, Colorado Department of Agriculture and Northeastern Junior College.



Photo Contest Official Entry Form

Please complete this form, print it, sign it, and attach to the back of each of your entries.

Yes! Enter me in the Colorado. . .it's Agricultural! Photo Contest. I have read and agree to the rules above and understand that the enclosed prints will not be returned to me. I further certify by my signature that I am the photographer of this entry. Please remember that photographs *will not* be returned.

Photographer's Name		
Photographer's Signature		
Person(s) Appearing in Photograph Signature		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone		
E-mail		
Place Taken		
Date Taken (approx.)		
Title of Photo		
Category (check one) ☐ Agritourism ☐ Crops	☐ Livestock ☐ People	☐ Open Professional
Photographer: ☐ Amateur ☐ Professional Camera Type: ☐ Digital ☐ Film		

Please submit entries with this form (or a copy) attached to the back of each one by **December 31, 2012** to:
Colorado Department of Agriculture, Markets Division
700 Kipling St., Suite 4000, Lakewood, CO 80215-8000